Roads in Uttar Pradesh

5079. PROF. MM. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh is lagging behind as compared to the other developed States with regard to the construction of roads and National Highways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the schemes formulated and being implemented by Government to remove the backwardness of the State in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORr AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the State.

Widening of **NH-47**

5080. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the State Government of Kerala to widen NH-47 connecting the Kerala sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon; and

(c) if no decision has been taken so for, whether Government would consider to widen the NH-47 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total length of NH-47 in Kerala is 416.800 Km., out of which 36.450 Km. stretch from Cherthala to Aluva is four lane. The stretch of 16.37 Km. from Aluva to Angamaly (Km. 332/370 to 316/00) has already been taken up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for four laning. Another stretch of 134.00 Km (Km. 316/000 to 182/200) has also been proposed to be widened to four lane in different phases as a part of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) under Cochin-Salem spur. Subject to it being found viable a length of 60.00 Km. stretch from Cherthala to Alleppey on BOT is planned.

Bidding Norms for BOT Projects

5081. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt new bidding norms for the 23 short-listed BOT projects for four-laning of 3000 km of National Highways: